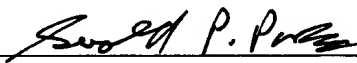


## REMARKS

These remarks are in response to the to the final Official Action mailed on September 5, 2003, the Advisory Action mailed on December 4, 2003. The Office Action allowed claims 35, 36, 38-40, 45, and 48-51 and rejected claim 46 under 35 U.S.C. 112, with claim 47 also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 as it depends upon claim 46. A previous Amendment After Final amended claim 46; however, as the Advisory Action indicated that this Amendment would not be entered, claims 46 and 47 are now being cancelled in order to put the application in condition for allowance.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in a state for allowance and that the impediment to the initiation of an interference (as noted in paragraph 4 at the top of page 3 of the Office Action) is hereby removed.

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